

Dear Honorable Members of the Joint Committee on Planning and Development:

I am a native and lifelong resident of Connecticut. Most of that time I have been a pet owner.

Connecticut has harsh winters, as evidenced by today, and summers can be steamy. Several surrounding states already have such legislation in place.

This bill passed overwhelmingly in the House in 2018. It is fair and straightforward, protecting dogs from harsh weather; within the last two weeks an elderly Chihuahua escaped a home in Glastonbury it was found frozen to death on a front lawn. This law will give animal control officers clarification of jurisdiction and the tools needed to help before a situation becomes life threatening.

Thank you for your consideration. I urged the committee to pass HB 5170.

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